

**Table 1 Investment in oral health in Kuwait for kindergarten and primary grade Kuwaiti children, pre and post-war**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Pre-war, pre-1990</b>	<b>Post-war, 1998</b>
Budget/year (KD)	1 million	2.8 million
Per capita expenditure/year (range), school-based programmes only (KD)	n/a	16.20 (13.65–16.91)
Per capita expenditure/year, clinic-based programmes (KD)	n/a	66
Coverage (No. of kindergarten/primary school Kuwaitis)	54 000	141 400
Dentists for children (No.)	47	132
Dedicated clinic chairs (No.)	30	132
Children:chair ratio, children's programmes	n/a	1:1000
Population:chair ratio, nationally	1:9170	1:4000
Preventive dentists dedicated to age group 4–9 years, as % of MOH dentists (%)	13	28
Dentists dedicated to all other age groups (%)	87	72
Dentist:population ratio, nationally	1:5500	1:2800
Dentist:population ratio, children's programme	1:1150 (limited population coverage)	1:1200 (full coverage targeted population)

*n/a = data not available; KD = Kuwaiti dinar; MOH = Ministry of Health.*